Thousands Jam Birthday Balls; Mrs. Roosevelt Cuts Cake

Roosevelt's 63d birthday was ending. longer.

Thousands of persons jammed into Each audience had different fasmiled mechanically, and members of the committee staging the balls began estimating how far over last year's total the fund, raised to fight infantile paralysis, had gone this year.

Earlier in the evening, before Mrs. Roosevelt began her tour of all the balls, she read over a Nation-wide.

gave the most rapt attention to Susanna Foster, sitting silently until the last of her long high notes had died away.

At the Mayflower, the audience which overflowed the balconies and steps, seemed to like Margaret O'Brien and Gene Kelly best of the lot.

The O'Brien-Kelly team shared ton

for the next celebrity to appear.

enough to be steamy. At the Stage look, it started again. Door Canteen the soldier audience chanted "turn off the heat"-until the air-conditioning unit was turned movie stars on the stage.

Crowds Wait Outside.

Crowds of persons filled the lobbies of the hotels and lined the streets outside, screaming at each most of the female sighs that cormost of the female sighs that corcluding elderly men and boys, were Canteen servicemen waited in a to sing at each place. Victor Borge four-deep line which at 9 o'clock read his orally punctuated "Shake-extended a block. They were hoping speare" to the delight of each audi-arrival of the Russians at Zielenzig to the capital.

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had chipped off the blue sugar birds laughed and clapped and yelled unfor souvenirs, the cake was wheeled laughed and clapped and yelled unzero in Germany. Berlin, beset with off and today will be sent to the til they too were exhausted seemed of the control of the contr off and today will be sent to the the children in the infantile paralysis to agree with the little girl in weather on the eastern front was cidentally was the only place Hop-children in the infantile paralysis to agree with the little girl in weather on the eastern front was kins definitely told the press he did ward at Gallinger Hospital. Although the stars had a care-

utes at each ball, the program got fouled up somewhat because the audiences just wouldn't let the entertainers leave. They clapped and screamed while backstage managers and German escape clock-watched, and other stars wait- been blocked there. you"—but at several places they Schneidemuhl.
applauded him so long he smiled. The bulletin also declared that

It was midnight and President somewhat reluctantly, and stayed

nine hot ballrooms all over the city, vorites among the stars. The Statler and other crowds who lined hotel crowd, which was the biggest, kept halls and entrances chanted "Happy birthdays." Mrs. Roosevelt sliced for more than half an hour.

into a huge birthday cake, a weary The Stage Door Canteen audience crowd of Hollywood entertainers gave the most rapt attention to

Roosevelt began her tour of all the balls, she read over a Nation-wide hookup the President's birthday message, expressing regret that he could not speak personally, and praising the infantile paralysis drive as "an investment in our country's future and an assertion of our American birthright to life, liberty diese of the prayer of an an ended of the grayer of American birthright to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The balls, which continued two hours into today, climaxed a two-

day celebration with numerous activities held for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Most of them were complete sellouts, and although bands The audiences couldn't seem able plete sellouts, and although bands played between the appearances of the stars, there was little room for dancing and mostly the crowds hugged close to the stages waiting. hugged close to the stages waiting Hotel audience for several minutes, All of the ballrooms were jammed When she gave them a long, slow

"Glamour Girls" Popular. Myrna Loy just waved her hands, on; girls kicked off their slippers to smiled and told them "she was just cool their feet; one woman fainted; a talking actress," but they didn't at the Mayflower one member of the seem to mind. If there were any strong German forces had fought until the capital falls). Zhukov's orchestra passed ice cubes from a favorites, they were the girls who their way back from the area of officers, it was reported, had been glass of water to the perspiring combined glamour and music—
audience, and the glaring spotlights
made perspiration drip from the Storm, Ella Logan and Miss Foster.

All of the combined glamour and music—
Kalisz, big Soviet-captured town furnished with new maps of the southeast of Poznan in Poland.
These Germans prevented Russians

In Budapest, the German comall won several minutes of shrill 230 Russian tanks since January 18, against "fierce Russian attacks."

cab that drew up and pushing im-responded to the men's whistling reported in a dispatch from Moscow patiently at the policemen who held He ducked shyly and blushed and to be moving up from Berlin to the them back. Outside the Stage Door his wife, Sue Carol, had to coax him Oder to make a stand there in de-Canteen servicemen waited in a to sing at each place. Victor Borge fense of the capital.

extended a block. They were hoping to get inside, but by 11 only 50 optimists remained. In order to take care of as many as they did, the canteen had to refuse to allow women service personnel to come in. The biggest event of the evening was at the Statler Hotel when all of the stars crowded the stage while of the stars and station of the Russians at Zielenzig came only a few hours after a Russian communique had announced the capture of Stolzenberg by Zhukov's forces in a 20-mile dash down the Netze River Valley from Driesen.

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Hotel, who hugged an autograph ural catastrophe." Although the stars had a care-book and sighed contentedly, "Well, The German radio said the severe fully worked out schedule and were book and sighed contentedly, "Well, The German radio said the severe Italian government officials were

Kussia

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ing to appear patted impatient feet. The Berlin communique disclosed At the Wardman Park Hotel Joe E. Russian forces had penetrated Brown reminded the crowd "people above Schneidemuhl to within some are trying to sleep upstairs," but 60 miles of Koslin at the Baltic, they only howled louder. Monty saying Soviet reconnaissance ele-Wooley, who tried the hardest to ments were counterattacked north stick to schedule, told his audiences, of Flatow and north of Krone. "I have 30 seconds to talk. That These towns are, respectively, 18 gives me more pleasure than it does miles northeast and 14 northwest of



BIRTHDAY CAKE CUT-Mrs. Roosevelt and Hollywood stars paused in their tour of the President's seven birthday parties here to slice this huge cake in the Statler Hotel ballroom. With Mrs. Roosevelt are (left to right): Joe E. Brown, Jane Wyman, Myrna Loy and George Murphy, and Margaret O'Brien (foreground). -Star Staff Photo.

Stettinius

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All of the actresses were low-cut south of Leszno from crossing the munique said, the besieged Nazi dresses, mostly white or black, and Oder and have destroyed more than garrison continues to defend itself

that several additional conferences

birthday cake. After the stars had but let's don't do it again until next forces were sweeping straight ahead toward Berlin with the thermometer bad chipped off the blue sugar birds.

The people outside who had reported almost 20 degrees below. British resident minister at Allied bobbie socks outside the Statler "of the unimaginable fury of a nat-

fully worked out schedule and were it's all over now—but what a night!" cold, in which "our helpless women known to have talked with either and children are fleeing before the Mr. Hopkins or Mr. Stettinius. streams, facilitating Russian crossings. The Germans were blasting

Nazi broadcasts mentioned Kusin as Zhukov's immediate objec tive, but already his troops were chanting "Dayosh Berlin" (roughly translated, "We take Berlin"; more literally it indicates a nonstop drive

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The scene.

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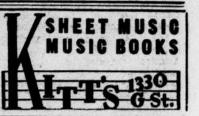
No one was injured. The families were moved out as burning napthalene on the ground threatened to war—buying bonds will do much carry the flames into coke oven more."

batteries. Steam was turned into Warner Marriage Annuled the fire batteries to lessen the fire

ing to their homes.

Company officials said damage naces. He said that two of the ould reach several hundred thou- plant four operating blast furnaces t down for lack of coke.

VENTURA, Calif., Jan. 31 (A).-The Mexican marriage of Actress Plant Manager J. L. Highland said the cause of the explosions was unknown. Fire apparatus from all parts of downtown Cleveland, including a Coast Guard fireboat, was called to the scriple explosion last pight at the \$2,000,000 beneal divi-



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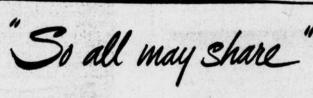
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Army's unchecked drive along the eastern front, where the Russians were reported by the German radio to have reached Zielenzig, 55 miles from Greater Berlin. In the north the Reds tightened pressure on Konigsberg. There were no official reports from Silesia, in the south, but there were indications the Russians were crossing the Oder River in strength in that area.

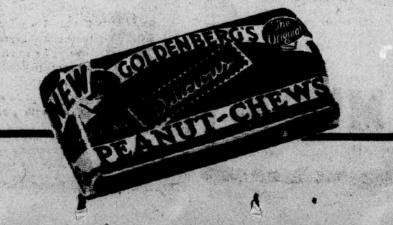






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